

French Soldiers Learn Value of Gymnastics

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PARIS, May 27.—Evidently the American soldiers have taught the French how and why to take athletics seriously. Fully 250 French athletes, gathered from all over France and its provinces, are now quartered at the Hotel Normal de Gymnastique et de Peinture de Joinville undergoing a period of intensive training. They are preparing for the interallied games to be held in a stadium from June 22 to July 6.

Lieutenant Colonel See, French army's leading soldier and a fine gymnast, is in charge of the training of the French teams. A program for conditioning and perfecting the athletes has been worked up based almost entirely on the training methods of American colleges and athletes. Nothing has ever before been attempted along these lines in France.

In the "National Franco-American games" recently the French athletes were completely outclassed by the American competitors. This demonstrated to the satisfaction of the French athletic authorities that they must arrange for intensive training for their men if France is to be a contender for honors in the interallied games. Colonel Wilt C. Johnson, chief athletic officer of the United States expeditionary force, has offered Lieutenant Colonel See any American facilities available for use in the training of the French athletes. L. C. Schroeder of the Young Men's Christian Association college at Springfield, Mass., is working with Lieutenant Colonel See, supervising the training of the men and giving his special attention to the track athletes.

The leaders who have taught them were a team of A. E. F. ring men, who will have greater fame than when their reach. These ring leaders will be given a chance to win great honors during the coming interallied games at Pershing stadium. They will meet the best of the other allied armies in what promises to be the greatest boxing competition in the history of boxing.

The amateur boxing of the American army, including six of the seven A. E. F. champions, are working hard for the interallied games, training daily in a special gymnasium in Paris. Several of them had previously no ring experience, but went into the army. A winter and spring season of boxing has developed them into high-class fighters and fine specimens of manly games, hard-hitting, young Americans who like sport for its own sake.

Of the seven champions, only one, "Jackie" Clark, who holds the midweight title, has gone back to the states. The other six will remain for the interallied meet. Here is the list:

Heavyweight, "Bob" Martin, Akron, Ohio.

Light heavyweight, "Gene" Tunney, New York City.

Welterweight, "Billy" Kleck, New Orleans.

Lightweight, Leo Patterson, Joplin, Mo. (former).

Featherweight, "Johnny" Funds, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bantamweight, "Babe" Asher, Detroit.

Martin is an army product who shows much promise. Tunney also learned what he knows of the game in the army. He is a good boxer and a hard hitter with either hand. Kleck won the welterweight title at 14 pounds. His championship bout with "Johnny" Summers of Pittsburgh, went thirteen rounds, three more than the specified ten. The judges were still undecided and Referee "Jimmy" Bronson gave the title to Kleck. In Patterson, the negro lightweight, some followers of the game believe they see a second Joe Gans. In build he greatly resembles the greatest of black lightweight boxers. Patterson is an excellent boxer and is in top form. Gene Delmont of Boston, "Bushy" Graham of Brooklyn and "Jack" Hennessy of New York, all fast lightweighters are eager to beat the negro in the interallied meeting.

In the featherweight class, "Johnny" Mollart of Pittsburgh and "Johnny" Schiff of San Francisco are after Funds's title. Neither Mollart nor Schiff was entered in the A. E. F. final, where Funds was an easy winner.

Of all the A. E. F. champions, Asher, the bantam, is the most popular with the fight fans. No matter how hot the fighting, this youngster keeps the coolest kind of a noodle in the ring and although he never looks always appears fresh after the fastest kind of going. Asher is the only

A. E. F. champion who won his title by a knockout. He put Georges Sengenot at Philadelphia to sleep in the seventh round of their final go. His backers are expecting him to bring the interallied bantam weight championship to the A. E. F. easily. With Jackson Park out of the middleweight class, the most promising new contender in the A. E. F. at 165 pounds is the new arrival, "Fiddle" McGee. He is an extreme hard-hitter and a good boxer.

Old Story Disproved.
Most persons who have read of Cleopatra's bathhouse, containing hundreds of slaves, that she dissolved in her white-hot bath, have been led to believe that she was a queen. No one seems yet to have discovered who must have been the slave who poured the drink, but scientists scoff at the possibility of such a solution. The fact is, people are not so stupid as they are. The most powerful singular effect on the body, for the most part, is dissolved there, for the most part, remains behind in the shape of a sponge mass that is larger than the original pearl.

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